

## JUDGE RHEA NAMED FOR SECOND TERM

Governor Reappoints Southwest  
Man on State Corporation  
Commission.

### HIS BIG WORK IN SIX YEARS

Largely Responsible for In-  
creased Assessments on Mineral  
Lands and Railroads.

Judge William F. Rhea was reappointed a member of the State Corporation Commission by Governor Mann yesterday for a term of six years, from February 1. The appointment will be laid before both houses of the General Assembly to-day for confirmation, the law requiring that the General Assembly be notified of appointments to the Corporation Commission fifteen days before they take effect. By direction of Governor Mann a commission for the new term was issued to Judge Rhea yesterday by Secretary of the Commonwealth B. O. Jones.

Appointed by Swanson.  
Judge Rhea was appointed on the commission six years ago by Governor Swanson to fill the seat vacated by Henry C. Stuart, now the Governor-elect of Virginia. He was confirmed by the General Assembly of 1908 after one of the most stormy contests since the days of the Readjusters. Republican charges of election irregularities in former years were supported by State Senator Wickham, and the appointment was warmly defended by Governor Mann, then a member of the State Senate.

On being seated on the commission, the taxation of mineral properties was placed under his direction. At that time the assessment of mineral properties in the State was fixed in round figures at \$9,000,000. Within two years he had increased this assessment to \$16,000,000.

Realizing that it was impracticable to handle this subject properly through the commission itself, Judge Rhea asked the Legislature to provide an assistant assessor of mineral lands, which it did. James A. Stone, of Bristol, was named assistant assessor, and the result has been an increase from \$16,000,000 in 1909 to about \$32,000,000 in 1913, making an enormous increase in the revenues of the State, as well as of the counties in which mineral lands are located.

Supervision of Railroads.  
When Judge Rhea went on the commission, he was given charge of the freight rate department, but when Commissioner Joseph E. Willard, now American ambassador to Spain, resigned in 1910, Judge Rhea took charge of his department, which primarily had supervision of the assessment of public service corporations for taxation, and the question of station facilities, both freight and passenger, together with matters of train service and schedule, and the condition of track and equipment. It was at the suggestion of Judge Rhea in 1910 that the assessment on railroads in Virginia was increased from \$18,000 to \$20,000 per mile on single track, and from \$25,000 to \$30,000 per mile on double track.

Since he has had charge of his present department, many of the railroads of the State, under his direction, have been greatly improved by the substitution of heavier rails, the renewal of ties and the use of ballast, and, in addition, a number of new and convenient passenger stations have been erected, and preparations are now being made for the construction of others.

The work in connection with track and station facilities has necessitated a large amount of traveling to all parts of the State, and many inspection trips. Only in the past week Judge Rhea has brought sharp pressure to bear on the Southern Railway to renew decayed ties, and properly safeguard its road between Richmond and Amelia Courthouse, found on inspection to be in bad condition.

### Native of Washington County.

Judge Rhea was born in Washington County in 1858. His mother died when he was two years old, and his father lost his life in the Confederate army near Petersburg in 1863. Judge Rhea was raised by his grandmother; was educated in the common schools, and attended King College, at Bristol; read law with a private instructor, and obtained his license to practice when he was twenty-one years of age. He practiced law in Bristol until January, 1882, when he was elected judge of the old County Court of Washington County. He served on the bench until 1885, when he was nominated by the Democrats for the State Senate to represent Smyth and Washington Counties. He resigned the judgeship, was elected to the Senate, served four years, and was not a candidate for re-election. In 1890 he was elected judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Bristol, Va., and served until 1895, when he resumed the practice of law.

In July, 1898, Judge Rhea was unanimously chosen by the Democrats of the Ninth Congressional District as a candidate for Congress, against the late General James A. Walker, the Republican candidate. Judge Rhea was elected by 750 majority, reversing the Republican majority of two years previous of 2,100. General Walker contested the election, and employed W. W. Dudley, of Indiana, to represent him. Judge Rhea represented himself before the Committee on Elections in Washington. The record in the case was more than 3,000 pages, and Judge Rhea spoke before the committee for thirteen hours in presenting his case. Although a Republican committee, it reported in his favor, and the House of Representatives, which was overwhelmingly Republican, approved the action of the committee, and Judge Rhea retained his seat.

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Member of Debt Commission.  
General Walker again contested, a Republican committee reported in favor of Judge Rhea, and in a Republican House, he retained his seat. He was again nominated by the Democrats in 1902, and was defeated by the late Campbell Sloop by 218 majority. Judge Rhea resumed the practice of law, and continued until appointed by Governor Swanson on the Corporation Commission in 1905. He was appointed by Governor Charles T. O'Ferrall in 1904 as a member of the board of visitors of the Virginia Military Institute, and served on that board until elected to Congress. He was also appointed by Governor O'Ferrall a member of the Virginia Debt Commission, to deal with West Virginia regarding its proportion of the public debt of the old State, and he has served on that commission continuously since his appointment.

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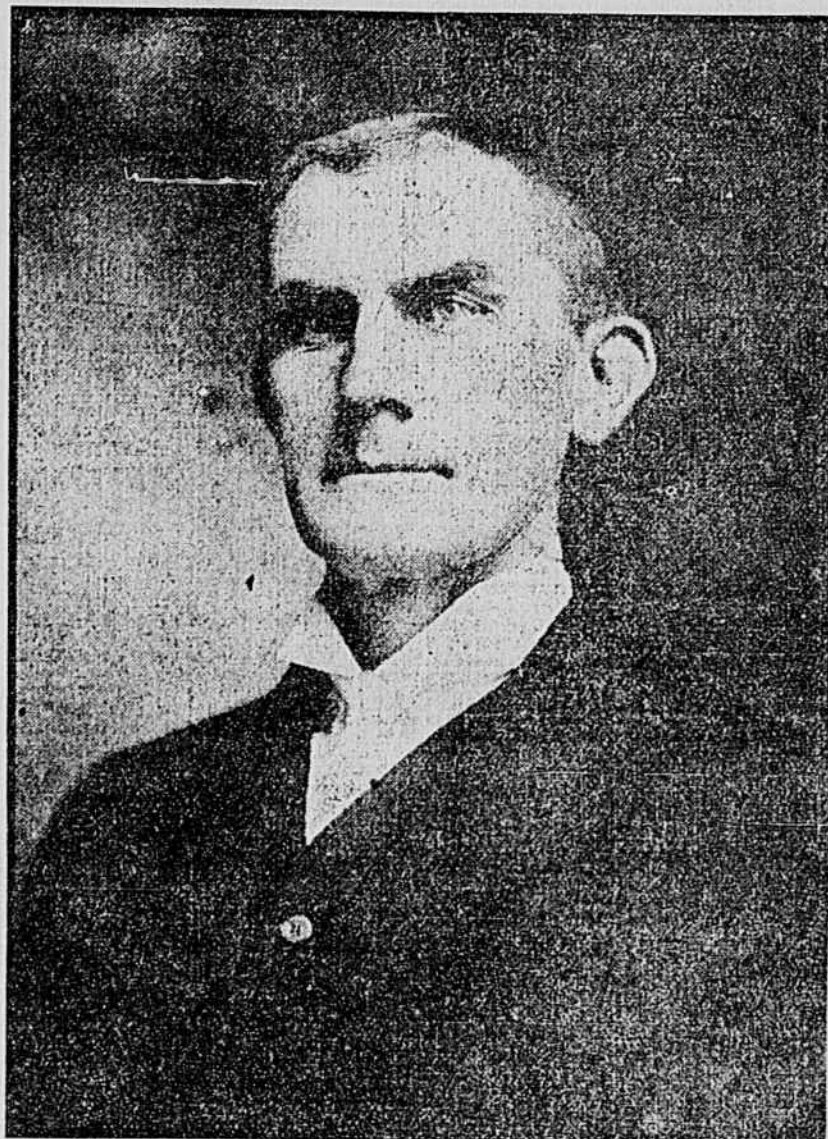
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## CITY COMMITTEE ELECTS OFFICERS

Old Body Adjourns Sine Die, and  
New Members Hold Meeting  
for Organization.

PRICE IS MADE CHAIRMAN

Re-Election Comes Without Opposition—Committee Appointments Announced.

James H. Price, of Lee Ward, was unanimously re-elected chairman of the City Democratic Committee last night at the first meeting of the new body at Murphy's Hotel. The old committee met, adjourned sine die, and the new members then went into session for organization purposes. Other officers were elected as follows:

Clyde W. Saunders, Clay Ward, vice-chairman; Walter G. Duke, Lee Ward, secretary; E. W. Evans, Jefferson Ward, treasurer; and George T. Davis, Madison Ward, sergeant-at-arms. On motion of Clyde W. Saunders, the old by-laws and rules were temporarily adopted, and will be in effect until after the rules committee acts. The committee took a short recess, during which the ward delegations recommended the following appointments as superintendents and assistant superintendents: Jesse A. Ladd and Joseph T. Bethel, Madison Ward; Mann T. Rogers and J. E. Johnson, Jefferson Ward; Wirt E. Taylor and Frank Ferrandini, Lee Ward; and Clyde W. Saunders and W. B. Jennings, Clay Ward.

Committee Chairman appointed the following committees: Executive Committee—John M. Purcell, Clay; W. Jones, Lee; Walter Lippford, Jefferson; John L. Morris, Madison; H. B. Burnett, Clay; J. M. Blanks, Lee; and Mann T. Rogers, Jefferson. Rules Committee—James H. Price, Lee; W. G. Duke, Lee; E. W. Evans, Jefferson; Charles V. Carrington, Lee; T. Bethel, Madison; W. B. Jennings, Clay; and B. W. Ragland, Clay. Finance Committee—Charles V. Carrington, Lee; W. B. Jennings, Clay; H. P. Garber, Jefferson; James E. Hart, Madison; Lee O. Miller, Clay; Jesse A. Ladd, Madison; and W. R. Jones, Lee. Plans Committee—Clyde W. Saunders, Clay; W. L. Taylor, Lee; Phil J. Bagley, Jefferson; George T. Davis, Madison; J. M. Hayes, Jr., Clay; Frank Ferrandini, Lee; and L. Stagg Purcell, Lee.

Auditing Committee—B. W. Ragland, Clay; L. G. Crenshaw, Madison; John L. Morris, Madison; Mann T. Rogers, Jefferson; and Frank Ferrandini, Lee. Printing Committee—W. G. Duke, Lee; Clyde W. Saunders, Clay; and Phil J. Bagley, Jefferson.

The new committee is made up as follows: Clay Ward—H. B. Burnett, James M. Hayes, Jr., W. B. Jennings, Lee O. Miller, John M. Purcell, Lee, B. W. Ragland, Edward L. Ryan, Clyde W. Saunders, Lee, P. Garber.

Lee Ward—W. G. Duke, Wirt E. Taylor, Frank Ferrandini, William Russell Jones, Charles V. Carrington, James H. Price, J. M. Blanks.

Madison Ward—George T. Davis, John L. Morris, Jesse A. Ladd, James E. Hart, L. G. Crenshaw, J. T. Bethel.

Jefferson Ward—E. W. Evans, W. P. Lippford, P. J. Bagley, Thomas E. Johnson, Mann T. Rogers, L. Stagg Powell, H. P. Garber.

Dr. John W. Brodnax, associate professor of anatomy at the Medical College of Virginia, delivered an interesting address on "Artistic Anatomy" yesterday afternoon before the Art Club of Richmond. The speaker, who is an artist himself, handled his subject instructively and in a manner which should stimulate a deeper study of this important branch of art.

Dr. Brodnax touched upon the usefulness of art as an adjunct to the teaching and study of anatomy, and then described how anatomy had rendered a service to art equally great as received. Instances of brilliant anatomists who were artists of great ability and artists who showed a remarkable knowledge of anatomy were pointed out. While the Old World, naturally led in these examples, America said the speaker has furnished its quota of eminent anatomists, skilled alike in the science of medicine and art.

Art students were advised by Dr. Brodnax to avail themselves of every opportunity that comes to them to study the living model, and if there is no other way to use their own bodies as models, to make masterpieces of the ancient Greeks, he said, resulted from conditions which permitted the artists constant study before their eyes the nude human body, and to thus acquire by observation a knowledge as accurate as that which is now obtained by the study of anatomy.

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What artists now need, said Dr. Brodnax, is judgment of the different parts of the body in relation to one another.

This judgment is best acquired by the study of anatomy, which explains the purposes of the construction of the body. The careful display of these forms is more effective in producing harmony than the mere measurement of the various parts, and this can only be produced by careful study of the construction of the body, and the relation of the parts to one another.

The construction of the body was taken up in a separate chapter of the address. Dr. Brodnax described the experiments which led to the discovery that the contraction of a single muscle is sufficient to express a passion, and that it is not necessary to change all of the features in order to give to the face the stamp of pain, menace, disgust or other expressions, each of these emotions being produced by a single local modification, although this modification seems to be reflected throughout the face, and for that reason it is often thought that a particular expression was produced by the combined action of a number of muscles. Expressions resulting from a combination of muscle actions and other complex phases of art were fully described.

The lecture was one of the most interesting and instructive held by the club this season. It was largely attended and the address was highly appreciated. Dr. Brodnax was formerly a member of the club. Although an anatomist of note, he still finds time to continue his art studies, and his works are highly considered here.

Supreme Court Proceedings.  
Cases were argued in the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia yesterday as follows: No. 21—Ashby, etc. vs. Roles et al. Argued by William W. Butner and Judge Alvin T. Embrey for appellants and C. M. Chichester and G. B. Wallace for appellees, and submitted until to-day.

Next cases to be called: No. 33, Halstrom vs. Halstrom, passed until March term; No. 34, Tabb vs. City of Richmond; No. 35, B. C. & A. Railway Company vs. Hudgens & Co.; No. 36, A. and O. Wright Collins et al. vs. dismembered, agreed; No. 37, Thomas & Brown vs. Cross.

Will Vote on Bond Issue.  
An election on a bond issue of \$85,000 to cover improvements in the townships will be held on Friday in North Richmond. While the improvements are greatly needed, there is some opposition to the bond issue owing to the possibility of annexation. The town has about 150 qualified voters.

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## News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,  
5 Bollingbrook Street,  
Petersburg, Va., January 13.

The Board of Aldermen last night, with one opposing vote, adopted the ordinance recently passed by the Council, requiring the closing of all places of business in the city on Sundays, except hotels, restaurants and drug stores. The ordinance now awaits the signature of the Mayor to put it into immediate force. A penalty of a \$20 fine is imposed for each violation of the provisions of the ordinance. Druggists are allowed to sell only medicines, and hotels are allowed only to serve meals. The ordinance affects Hebrew merchants, who, in accordance with their religious tenets, close their stores on Saturday and open them on Sunday. There is some talk of testing the validity of the ordinance, but it has not yet been decided to do so.

The board also concurred in the Council resolution granting permission to the Frances Bland Randolph Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to erect a monument in Old Blanford Churchyard to Major-General William Phillips, of the British army, who died in Petersburg in 1781. The chapter will select the site for the monument at the spot where, according to tradition, the body of General Phillips was buried.

The board also concurred with the Council in granting permission to the

Petersburg Telephone Company to extend its system of underground conduits, and in other matters of local interest. The sum of \$500 was voted to establish playgrounds for the city.

James H. Gray was nominated to fill a vacancy in the board of directors, but an election was deferred to the next meeting, when it is expected other nominations will be made.

Eighty-Ninth Annual Meeting.  
The eighty-ninth annual meeting of the Petersburg Benevolent Mechanical Association was held last night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Reports were read and the following officers were elected: president, O. W. Mattox; vice-president, James M. Turner; treasurer, William E. Poole; secretary, T. J. Meredith; directors, C. E. Williamson, John E. Harwell, James Y. Branch, Dr. T. J. Burgess, M. A. Finn, C. M. Strickman. An advisory board was appointed, consisting of these three officers. Professor Sharp to represent the faculty, and Charles A. Camp to represent the student body.

Annual Meeting Petersburg Club.  
The annual meeting of the Petersburg Club was held in the club's home last night with a large attendance of members. Officers were elected as follows: president, E. C. Kent, succeeding Senator P. H. Drewry, resigned; vice-president, A. K. Davis, secretary, William Robinson, treasurer, Alvin Garrett Halligan. The treasurer's annual report showed that the society's receipts last year were \$18,27, of which \$255.27 was expended in charity, with out regard to class, creed or color. The money was raised from dues and private contributions.

New Athletic Association.  
At a meeting held at a residence, at the high school an athletic association was organized by the high school students with about fifty members. The following officers were elected: president, Roslyn D. Young; vice-president, Kevan Booth; secretary and treasurer, Frank O. Strickman. An advisory board was appointed, consisting of these three officers. Professor Sharp to represent the faculty, and Charles A. Camp to represent the student body.

St. Anne's Benevolent Society.  
At the meeting of St. Anne's Benevolent Society yesterday, the following officers were elected: president, Miss Margaret Bailey; vice-president, Mrs. Thomas Powers; secretary, Miss Elsie Robinson; treasurer, Miss Margaret Halligan. The treasurer's annual report showed that the society's receipts last year were \$18,27, of which \$255.27 was expended in charity, with out regard to class, creed or color. The money was raised from dues and private contributions.

Railroad Trestle Burned.  
The trestle over a railroad crossing, this side of Warfield, in Brunswick County, on the Seaboard Air Line Railway, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The structure was a small one, and does not entail much loss, but inconvenience was caused by the burning of the passenger trains on the Seaboard railway are running to-day over the Atlantic Coast Line, between Richmond and Weldon, through this city.

New Sheriff of Sussex.  
Judge J. E. R. Circuit Court of Sussex, last night appointed J. J. Faison as sheriff of the county to the expiration of the late Joseph D. Prince. Mr. Faison qualified and entered on the duties of the office this morning. Mr. Faison is a life-long Democrat, an active worker, and has at times filled other offices of trust in the county.

General News Notes.  
A number of members of the Petersburg bar were over to Richmond to-day to interview Legislators in the matters of the Hastings Court judgment.

A wood fire in Prince George County yesterday burned over an area of half a mile. The home of E. E. McFerson was threatened, but by hard work, assisted by neighbors, the dwelling was saved from damage.

George E. Murrell, for some time past engaged in the real estate business in this city, has gone to Columbia, S. C., to

Oliver J. Sands, of Richmond, was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce to-night. He spoke on the subject of the new currency law.

Chief of Police Ragland is confined to his home by sickness, but his condition is improved to-day.

Naomi Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will entertain its members and invited guests at a banquet in A. P. Hill Camp Hall to-morrow night.

gram for the "State rally and field day" of the order to be held at Newport News in July.

Declines Call to South Carolinian.  
Lynchburg, Va., January 13.—Rev. Oscar E. Sams, pastor of Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church, has declined a call to the Pendleton Street Baptist Church, at Greenville, S. C., and will remain here. Mr. Sams came here about six years ago from Harrisonburg and has been unusually successful in this pastorate.

Election Declared Valid.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Harrisonburg, Va., January 13.—Judge Haas, here, declared valid the recent local option election in Shenandoah City, which was contested, because ten "dry" ballots were not marked three-fourths through the line. The court held that the intent of the voter was clear. The "dry" majority was only one.

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